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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Chief Gregory J. Burns, Chairman, Massachusetts Fire Service Commission

**DATE:** November 22, 2021

**RE:** **Massachusetts Fire Service Commission Credentialing and Re-Credentialing Program**

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As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Fire Service Commission voted on August 20, 2020 to grant a one (1) year extension to those individuals holding a valid Fire Chief credential as of January 1, 2020. That is to say, all valid Fire Chief credentials which were active or issued after January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 will expire one (1) year from their current expiration date.

This one (1) year extension was **temporary** and was in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It served as recognition of the difficulty in obtaining the needed points and professional development during this time and the accompanying closures/postponement of necessary trainings.

The Fire Service Commission has voted to terminate this one (1) year credential extension effective December 31, 2021.

Best wishes and please stay safe.